

OPPOSE STATE BANK GUARANTEE

Many Carolina Democrats
Against Proposed Bill.

NO NEED OF IT, THEY SAY

Republican Minority Lined Up
Solidly Against Measure.

Opinion in Raleigh is that Measure, Patterned After Oklahoma Law, Will Not Pass Legislature—Strong Undercurrent Feeling Among the Majority Regarding the Bill—State Banks Need No Protection.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 17.—While the members of the general assembly appear, for the most part, to be awaiting more light on the subject of State guarantee of bank deposits before committing themselves on the Oklahoma doctrine, still, the chances for the passage of any bill embodying the idea are not bright.

There is an undercurrent of strong opposition among the Democrats, while the Republican minority will be lined up solidly against the proposition when it comes up.

It may be safely said that the general impression is that there is no need for the measure. The State banks are regarded as the safest institutions in the Commonwealth, no one having lost anything through one of them in many years.

No State Bank Failures.

Representative R. A. Doughton, of Allegheny, one of the mountain counties, a member who has been a leader, and a strong one, for many years, a former lieutenant governor of the State, president of a bank himself, has this to say of the proposition:

"I am informed that a bill will be introduced by Senator Klutz embodying the plan. As for me, I am opposed to it, unless some new arguments should be brought out stronger than the ones I have seen. There is no need for it. Who has lost anything by one of our State banks in recent years? There is more money in State banks than in national banks. A State guarantee would make all just alike. A man might be years and years building up a reputation and credit as a banker, and under the proposed law he would get no benefit from it."

When asked if he thought the bill would be passed, Mr. Doughton replied that he had no idea it would. Representative M. N. Harshaw, of Caldwell county, the leader of the minority by about twenty-eight votes, a former solicitor of his judicial district, in the western part of the State, pledges the solid Republican vote in opposition to any bill of the kind.

"Why guarantee bank deposits, mere credit accounts, any more than store accounts?" he asks. "Our State banks are the safest institutions we have."

George L. Morton, of Wilmington, long one of the conservative leaders in the house, has this to say:

"I am not inclined to the proposition. I cannot feel that it would be wise to take up new things, especially in the financial world, after we have gone through this. Then, too, I fear it might stir up a controversy between the State and national banks that would shake the faith of the people in banks in general."

Representative T. J. Murphy, of Guilford, former mayor of Greensboro, once a member, but a prospective leader, said he had not given the matter much thought, but was inclined to think there was no need for it.

"The State banks," said he, "are really better off than the national banks, for the former are allowed to invest in real estate mortgages, than which there is no safer security in the world, while, of course, the national banks cannot touch such security."

Currier Favors It.

The senior member from Cumberland, Fayetteville's county, J. H. Currie, is inclined to favor the law, but would limit its application to those banks whose capital stock is at least \$25,000.

Senator Whitehead Klutz, of Salisbury, who is president pro tem. of the senate, says: "I will support a bill for State bank deposit guarantee if one is offered that will embody the salient features of the Oklahoma law and with the deficiencies that have been shown to be embraced in it left out. I may introduce a bill myself."

Senator J. A. Lockhart, of Wadesboro, one of the younger senators, is outspoken in his opposition to a bank guarantee at this session, and will oppose such a bill, although advocated by the majority of his party associates on the Democratic side of the house.

"I do not believe any bill for State bank guarantee can be drafted," says Senator Lockhart, "that will appeal to me any stronger than the Oklahoma act, and I would not support a bill like that under any consideration. There would arise a sharp competition between State and national banks for deposits, resulting, most probably, in the shaking of confidence in both among a large class of citizens and causing them to keep their money out of the banks entirely."

Republicans Oppose It.

Senator J. J. Britt, of Asheville, minority leader on the floor of the senate, and Senator Strubock, of Winston-Salem, one of the ablest Republican members, while not caring to give personal statements, are outspoken in opposition to any bank deposit guarantee legislation. So there is little chance for Democrats who advocate such a law to draw any votes from the minority to make up for the great number of Democratic members who will oppose it.

John S. Harrell Dead at Luray.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Luray, Va., Jan. 17.—John S. Harrell, aged about fifty years, died to-day at his home, in Rappahannock County. His death occurred in the house where he was born, the building having been erected by his grandfather about 180 years ago. He is survived by a wife and three children.

FIVE RESCUED UNINJURED FROM UPPER ROOM.



WARM WELCOME AWAITS FLEET

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk Plans Biggest Entertainment Ever Held in that City.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 17.—Norfolk will offer to the officers and men of the Atlantic battle-ship fleet, upon its return to Hampton Roads in February, an entertainment such as it has not had in all its trip around the world.

This is the statement made by William T. Anderson, a member of the reception committee of the board of trade.

The committee will meet this week and map out its plans. The committee is composed of prominent business men of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News.

N. & W. COMPLETES WITH LAW.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 17.—The Norfolk and Western Railway, which last Sunday violated the Sunday laws by running freight trains not hauling perishable matter, to-day complied with the law and only operated freight trains that carried live stock.

Lucien Cooke, general counsel for the road, had appealed to Mayor Cutchin and Chief of Police Dyer for exemption, but was told that the law would be enforced and no exceptions made. There were a number of arrests to-day for disorderly conduct. Nobody could spend money for anything except newspapers.

WILL BUILD \$60,000 BARN.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 17.—In addition to building a costly horse stable last year, Thomas F. Ryan is arranging to erect an immense cow barn on his "Oak Ridge" estate during the coming season.

The plans for the barn have been drawn and it will be constructed entirely out of concrete. It is understood here that the structure will cost about \$60,000, and the work will probably be done by a Lynchburg contractor.

"LID" NOT ON TIGHT.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Staunton Did Not Disturb Drug Stores or Milk Wagons.

Staunton, Va., Jan. 17.—Staunton's first "blue law" Sunday was hardly different from those which have gone before. The chief of police gave notice this morning that he would not interfere with the drug stores, the milkmen, or the newspapers. However, the newsmen were forced to observe certain hours, and the bootblack were ordered off the streets at 12:30 o'clock in the morning. Soft drinks were sold at the drug stores as if there was no ordinance forbidding it, and, as far as known, no arrests have been made and no warrants issued. Livestock were ordered not to hire carriages except in urgent cases.

Award Contract for Big Bridge.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 17.—The receivers for the Norfolk and Southern Railway have let a contract to the McLean Construction Company for the completion of the five-mile bridge of the road across Albemarle Sound. The bridge will cost \$1,000,000. Work was stopped on it when the road went into the hands of the receivers. The bridge will be completed by the first of next year. It will take the place of the ferry between Edenton and Mackies and save passenger trains one and a half hours in crossing the sound and freight trains six hours.

C. & O. Trains Delayed.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hinton, W. Va., Jan. 17.—Rainstorms and continued wet weather for over a week have considerably delayed traffic along the lines of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. Mud and rock slides have come in at different places. Slow orders have been put out for all trains as a consequence of the bad weather. Telegraphic communication has also been badly delayed on account of the stormy weather forcing trees and poles down, leaving the wires in a bad condition.

Merchants Oppose Water Bonds.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Jan. 17.—The retail merchants association of Clarksburg has passed resolutions opposing the proposed bond issue of \$120,000 for water-works and sewerage improvements at Clarksburg. This action has met with the commendation of several large manufacturing concerns and a number of retail merchants as individuals.

FARMERS TO MEET.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 17.—The State Horticultural Society will hold its annual meeting in Agricultural Hall, in the capitol building here, January 28, 29, and 30. Other meetings to be held at the same place are:

Sheep Breeders and Wool Growers' Association, February 11.

West Virginia branch of the American Poultry Association, February 1.

State Live Stock Association, February 2.

State Dairy Association, February 2 and 3.

State Forestry Association, February 3.

Thirty-seventh annual session of the State Grange, February 4, 5, and 6.

Specialists will address all these meetings on subjects of interest to the different societies.

NEGRO ATTACKS LAD.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 17.—Thomas Wenzler, aged twelve, a newsboy, and son of William R. Wenzler, a Baltimore and Ohio freight conductor, was attacked by a burly negro in Dilley alley, at the rear of the Citizens' National Bank, early this morning. The lad says the negro seized him by the collar and tried to cut his throat. He threw up his hand and caught the force of the knife in his palm. Three fingers were cut off. The lad was carried to his home by two officers after the attack. He was insensible three hours. He says the negro is the man he had ejected from his seat in the Academy of Music some time ago, and then the negro vowed he would kill him. The man met the boy in an unfrequented alley at an early hour, when few persons were on the streets. The boy declares he said, "I have got you at last and I will make short work of you." The doctors put seven stitches in Wenzler's hand.

BRACKENMAN IS KILLED.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 17.—R. C. Gilmore, thirty-five years old, a brakeman on the Norfolk and Western Railway, was crushed to death between an engine and a freight car to-day. The man's body was crushed by the engine on which he was riding as he was switching the car of a standing freight. Gilmore's home was at Christiansburg, Va. His wife is dead, but he is survived by two children, who reside with his sister at Christiansburg.

Large Richmond Delegation Will Go.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 17.—Present indications are that Richmond will be well represented at the forthcoming second annual convention of the National Model License League, of Louisville, Ky. It is expected that practically all of the following local members of the league will send delegates to the convention: A. G. Anthony, Son, A. Hatke and Company, Henrico Distilling Company, Inc., Hennessy, Gust and Company, Ruben Jacob, P. B. Kutz Company, W. W. Lawrence, William Rueger, Strauss Cigar Company, Strauss, Gunst and Company, E. A. Stumpf, P. L. Sparks, Virginia-Carolina Grocery Company, Chiff Well Cigar Company, and Phil G. Kelly Company.

Lynchburg Tunnel Forces Meet.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 17.—The upper level of the tunnel of the Southern Railway cut-off around Lynchburg was completed last night, when the two forces, which had been working under the fashionable portion of the city for eighteen months, met. The calculations proved perfect, for the two ends met perfectly, despite the fact that the tunnel is 1,400 feet in length and on a curve. This line, when completed, will shorten the time of the Southern's fast train between Washington and the South fully thirty minutes. It also means a new \$50,000 station for Lynchburg, and the Southern will operate its through trains into its own station.

Substantial Savings.

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NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Fire Destroys Fruit Store with Its Contents.

VETERANS TO GIVE BANQUET

Jury Gives Negro Eighteen Years in the Penitentiary—Mrs. Annie Murphy Dies—Collection at St. Mary's Church for Earthquake Sufferers. Circuit Court Will Convene To-day.

Alexandria News Agency, 602 King street, Alexandria, Va., authorized agents and carriers for The Washington Herald. The Herald will be delivered daily and Sunday to any address in Alexandria for 40 cents a month.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, (Bell Telephone 307), 502 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 17.—The little fruit store at the head of King street, conducted by Manuel Tavares, a Brazilian, was gutted by fire at an early hour this morning. An overheated stove is supposed to have been responsible for the blaze. Tavares' loss is partially covered by insurance.

Since Tavares came to Alexandria he has been the victim of numerous robberies and hold-ups and last night's fire came as a climax to his troubles.

Following its annual custom, R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, will give its annual banquet at Lee Camp Hall, Tuesday night, in observance of Lee's birthday. The principal address will be made by Representative John Sharp Williams. Others to respond to toasts are: John M. Johnson, "General Lee," Rev. C. D. Bulla, "Stonewall Jackson," Henry T. Harrison, the latter of Loudoun, "Sons of veterans."

Eighteen years in the penitentiary was the verdict of a jury at midnight, Saturday night, in the circuit court for Alexandria County, Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding, in the case of Lewis K. Green, a negro, charged with the murder of Charles Massey, a negro.

Mrs. Annie Murphy, wife of Thomas Murphy, twenty-four years old, died this morning at her home, 70 Franklin street. Her husband survives. The funeral will take place at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The love of Robert Bryan, a negro, for small pork has brought him to grief at an early hour this morning, when he was unceremoniously hustled out of bed and behind prison bars to answer to a charge of stealing one from James Reeves, a negro. The theft occurred last night. Bryan will be given a hearing in the police court to-morrow.

"The man who wouldn't run" was the subject of an address by Rev. Robert M. Moore, D. D., pastor of Foundry M. E. Church, Washington, this afternoon at a men's meeting in the hall of the People's building of the M. E. Church South.

A collection was taken up at St. Mary's Catholic Church this morning for the benefit of the Italian earthquake sufferers.

The Circuit Court for Fairfax County, Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding, will convene at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

REV. E. P. WATTS DEAD.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 17.—Rev. Edward P. Watts, a Baptist minister, who at various times was located in Hagerstown, Baltimore, and Williamsport, Pa., died yesterday at the Atlantic Coast Line Hospital, Rocky Mount, N. C., aged sixty-nine years. He was the pastor of the Baptist church at Sharpsburg, N. C. He was twice married, both wives being dead.

Several years ago Rev. Mr. Watts came into considerable prominence by reason of a breach of promise suit brought by a girl in Baltimore County. He was a brother of the late Capt. C. C. Watts, of Hagerstown. His remains will be brought here for burial.

Prof. Wilfred L. Flory, music teacher, who in his younger days had classes scattered throughout a number of counties in Western Maryland, died to-day at his home, at Leitersburg, this county, of cancer of the stomach, aged seventy-seven years. His wife died two years ago. Six children survive, two of these being Dr. William C. Flory, Lincoln, Neb., and Dr. George Edward Flory, Igo, Cal.

MAY BUY BACK C. & O. STOCK.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Pennsylvania Railroad Said to Be Contemplating This Step.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 17.—There are persistent rumors to the effect that the Pennsylvania Railroad contemplates purchasing from New York bankers the stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio which it sold some time ago, and also leasing the Norfolk and Western, guaranteeing dividends at the rate of 4 per cent on both classes of stock. Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western have been among the strongest stocks traded in recently on the New York Stock Exchange, and the buying is said to have been with the idea that the Pennsylvania would gather the roads under its folds. Both are sort coal roads.

Injured Brakeman Dies.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 17.—Stephen Kreninger, aged twenty-one years, of Sand Patch, who was injured in the Baltimore and Ohio train wreck at Hagerstown, Friday night, died last night at the Allegany Hospital. He was a brakeman and was run down by a freight train while shifting the caboose of his train. One leg was cut off below the knee and his skull was badly fractured.

Cashier Goes to Moundsville.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 17.—To-morrow Cashier Elbert L. Morgan, recently convicted of falsifying the accounts of the First National Bank at Friendly, W. Va., of which he was cashier, will be taken to Moundsville to begin a five-year term in the penitentiary there. The exact amount of Morgan's pecuniaries will never become known. Morgan, it is said, is broken in spirit by the depth of his humiliation.

Saloons Close Their Doors.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 17.—At eleven o'clock last night thirty-four saloons in Marietta and Washington County, Ohio, closed their doors. The thriving city of Marietta, which contains about 20,000 people, voted dry a month ago, and last night the saloons were compelled to close their doors.

Always the Same

Tharp's

Berkeley Rye

112 F Street N. W. Phone Main 1141, Special Private Delivery.

BLOODHOUNDS HUNT SLAYER.

Mill Foreman Shot Down at Moundsville, W. Va.

Moundsville, W. Va., Jan. 17.—"Fred" Crawford, twenty-one years old, foreman of a department in the plant of the United States Stamping Company here, was shot and almost instantly killed last night while on his way home. The police are looking for three men who are supposed to know something of the crime, and the penitentiary bloodhounds have taken up the scent.

No witness of the murder has been found, but a woman living in the neighborhood is said to have heard a man exclaim just before the shooting: "If you don't shoot him, I will!" The motive was not robbery, as valuables in Crawford's possession were untouched.

PLAN IMPROVED AEROPLANE

Wright Brothers to Experiment with Machine Without Propeller.

Reported that Aeronauts Will Return to Kill Devil Hills for Further Tests.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 17.—Reliable information from Kill Devil Hills, N. C., is that the Wright brothers, now in Europe, are making preparations there for experiments with an improved aeroplane, said to be far in advance of the machine which they are now using.

It is said that the machine will be without a propeller, certainly without one such as is now used, and marvelous things are spoken of it, but the design of it is doubtless mere speculation.

When the Wrights left Kill Devil Hills last spring after a series of flights which startled the world, and proved that navigation of the air with heavier than air machines was a fact, they announced that they would "probably return some day."

At Kill Devil Hills the combined aeroplane workshop and living apartments of the Wrights is still intact, and in it is much aeroplane paraphernalia. It is believed that the departure of Orville Wright for Europe is for the purpose of hastening the completion of his design there, that the experiments at Kill Devil Hills may be continued.

TOBACCO MARKET ACTIVE.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 17.—There was considerably more tobacco sold on the local market during the past week than at any time since the resumption of the sales this year, and the prices showed an upward tendency with considerable agitation on the part of the buyers.

The quality and condition of the major portion of the offerings was very good, but some was off in color and condition. The indications now are that the sales will be fairly heavy during the next week or two, as the weather has been such that the planters have had the opportunity to prepare it for the market.

The following is the report of the sales during the weeks, as reported by John L. Chesley, the statistician of the local trade:

Sold week ended January 15, 28,000 pounds; sold week ended January 15, 33,800 pounds. Increase for week ended January 15, 5,800 pounds. Sold from January 15, 1908, to January 15, 1909, 1,223,700 pounds; sold from September 1, 1907, to January 15, 1908, 1,588,700 pounds. Increase for 1908, 4,365,000 pounds.

OHIO RIVER FLOOD FEARED.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Two Months Ago Water Was Too Shallow for Navigation.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 17.—Warm weather during the next few days will cause a flood in the Ohio River, that same stream which two months ago had reached a stage so low that it could be waded, and was not navigable even for a canoe.

The river is now rising rapidly, and warm weather and consequently melting snows will cause it to overreach its banks in a few days.

If the weather remains cold, millions of bushels of coal will be shipped out of Pittsburgh on the present boating stage. A flood stage would prevent this shipment.

NEEDS MILLIONS FOR MISSIONS.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Laymen Missionary Movement Seeks to Raise \$50,000,000.

Bristol, Va., Jan. 17.—Fifty million of dollars will be sufficient to carry the gospel to every living human in the world in this generation, according to Campbell White, head of the International Laymen's Missionary movement in North America, who spoke before the Laymen's Southern Missionary Conference in session in this city.

He announced that the committee had decided to inaugurate a campaign in this country to raise this amount annually, which is about \$40,000,000 more annually than this country and Canada are now giving.

He said that a big meeting would be held at Washington in October, and that the national campaign would be carried out by the leading cities of America by about fifty speakers, who will be sent out from Washington.

The big conference, which was widely attended, closed this afternoon at 2 o'clock with a grand rally.

Will Observe Lee's Birthday.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 17.—The Confederate Memorial Association of Washington County will appropriately observe the birthday anniversary of Gen. Robert E. Lee at a meeting to be held at the Railroad Y. M. C. A. Building in this city next Tuesday evening. Addresses will be delivered by Col. Charles A. Little, commanding the First Maryland Regiment; S. Lewis Lamkin, president of the association; Dr. L. H. Keller, and others.

Bad Roads Hamper Farmers.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 17.—The country roads leading into Lynchburg are in a bad condition and furnish a striking example of the need of good roads by the farmers. One result of this condition is that many farmers are unable to market their tobacco except under difficult circumstances.

EXONERATE OWNERS

Coroner's Jury Fixes Blame for Lick Branch Disaster.

OVERCHARGED SHOT THE CAUSE

Officials of Pocahontas Collieries Company Are Not Held Responsible for Explosion, Which Killed Sixty-five Men—Miners' President Holds the Law Was Violated.

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 17.—Exonerated of the operating companies from all blame for the terrible explosion which caused the death of sixty-five miners in the Lick Branch mine Tuesday was given by the coroner's jury early this morning. The verdict says:

"On their oath, the jury does say that the sixty-five men came to their death by an overcharged shot of gunpowder in room 21 off that entry, and the jury, according to the evidence in the case, do further say that they exonerate the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company, or the Lick Branch Colliery, from all blame and responsibility for the explosion."

This verdict is signed by the coroner and six jurors, three of whom are miners, while others are connected with mining in independent companies in the field. It followed an inquest when testimony was given the chief State mine inspector and four of his deputies, who examined the mine. Members of a special committee of the legislature took part in the inquest.